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Major issues being considered by the Narcotics Working Group (NWG) since the CIPC principals meeting of 18 April:

1. Working members have submitted to the Chairman, for his consideration, brief statements of individual agencies perceived information requirements and capabilities concerning narcotics matters. A round table discussion of these papers will be held at the next working group meeting.
2. At the 26 April NWG meeting, the Chairman prompted discussion on the question of narcotics priorities within the National Strategic Requirements List (NSRL). This issue cuts across diverse parochial interests and needs of several agencies.
3. Drafting is nearing completion on the first scheduled interim paper-- Estimating Illicit Crop Production--for CIPC review.
4. The NWG representative of the Drug Enforcement Administration has accepted the responsibility for assuming the lead in drafting the interim report on narcotics trafficking organizations and trafficking patterns for CIPC consideration.
5. At the Narcotics Working Meeting on 24 May, the Chairman briefed the group on the visit to the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) by a team of ICS personnel. The group was provided with the team's appreciation of the need to study the relationship of EPIC with other currently planned operation centers within the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System (NNBIS). The group was also briefed on the team's view that the relationship of EPIC to the broader intelligence community should be explored. Several actions have been assigned to IC Staff members to augment EPIC's resource capabilities and will be submitted for final consideration to the NWG as they are developed.

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